

MAJOR INCIDENT REPORT A SPECIAL REPORT FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE CHIEF DARYL L. OSBY

INCIDENT:

Update to "Powerhouse Incident" 06/05/2013, at 4:30 p.m. (Assistance to Angeles National Forest)

TYPE OF INCIDENT:

Brush Fire

DISTRICT/LOCATION:

Fifth Supervisorial District San Francisquito Canyon Road and Powerhouse Lateral, U.S. Forest Service T.B. 4370 J1

DATE AND TIME OF OCCURRENCE:

Original Dispatch: Thursday May 30, 2013, 3:32 p.m.

INJURIES/FATALITIES:

Three firefighter injuries reported today. All firefighters were treated and transported to a local hospital for evaluation.

INVESTIGATION STATUS:

The cause of this incident remains under investigation.

INCIDENT UPDATE:

The Powerhouse Fire continues to be in unified command with U.S. Forest Service (ANF), Los Angeles County Fire Department, and Cal FIRE. The fire has remained within its perimeter since yesterday. According to County officials the acreage burned remains at 32,032 with 65 percent containment. Full containment is expected by Monday, June 10, 2013. At this time officials are reporting southwesterly winds of 10 to 15 miles per hour with wind gusts of 35 miles per hour and a temperature of 90 degrees. Currently, 2,077 firefighters are on scene battling this blaze. Damage assessment is ongoing, and current reports find 24 homes destroyed, three damaged, 29 outbuildings destroyed and one damaged. A total of 275 structures are currently being threatened by the fire, and contingency plans are in place if more resources are needed. The Red Cross evacuation center for displaced residents remains open. Inside road closures are in effect in the Pine Canyon area of the fire, Hard Pine Canyon from Lake Hughes to Three Points and Lake Hughes between Lake Elizabeth and Dry Gulch are closed, and a shelter in place evacuation has been called. Three firefighter injuries were reported today (none were L.A. County firefighters), all firefighters were assessed and transported to local hospitals for evaluation.

COUNTY FIRE RESOURCES:

County Fire resources currently assigned to this incident include: one engine strike team (consisting of five engines and one battalion chief), two patrol strike teams (consisting of five patrols and one battalion chief each), two camp crew strike teams (consisting of two crews and one superintendent each), six camp crews, one water tender, four dozer teams, two safety officers, two crew bosses, two public information officers, one driver, one fire line emergency medical technician, one mobile aide vehicle with two firefighter paramedics, one command trailer, one mapping vehicle, four battalion chiefs, one assistant chief, and two deputy chiefs. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Los Angeles County Animal Control, Cal FIRE, U.S. Forest Service are all assisting on scene.



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